



# The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



## New Book Commemorates Town's 200th Year

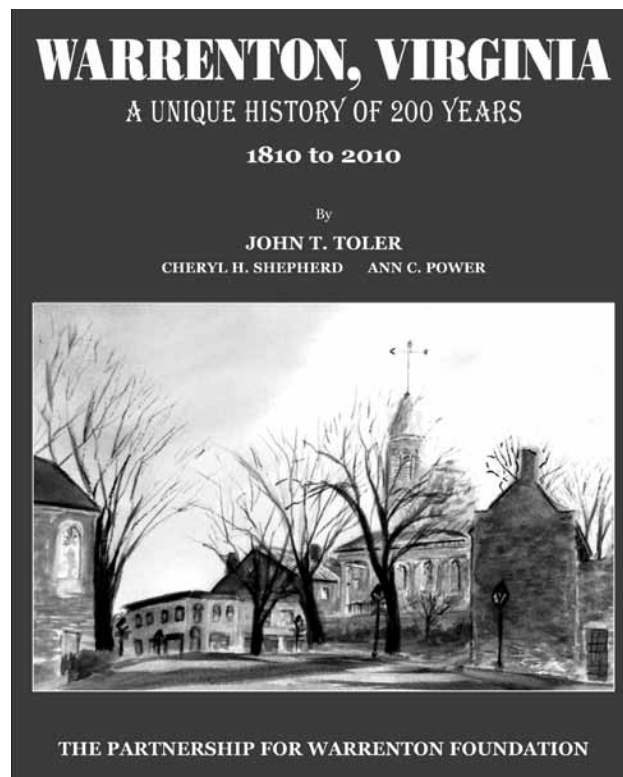
It's been literally flying off the bookshelves – the Town of Warrenton's newly published definitive history. Warrenton, Virginia: A Unique History of 200 Years, authored by local historian John Toler, with the help of Cheryl Shepherd and Ann Power, has become an instant success.

Published last December, the book quickly sold out all of its first 300 copies. A second printing of 200 copies also sold out, disappearing quickly from local merchants' shelves in a matter of days. A third printing will be completed this spring.

The book was commissioned by the Partnership for Warrenton Foundation, which received a grant from the Town of Warrenton in 2010 to commemorate the Town's 200th anniversary (the Town was incorporated in 1810, but actually settled earlier). The Partnership decided to use that money in a way that would honor the Town for years to come – a book depicting the history and heritage of Warrenton.

The book is chocked full of history and interesting facts about Warrenton, as well as some interesting information about some of the families who have called it home for the past two centuries. It also features many photos of local people, sites and buildings – both recent and historic.

Local scholars of history love this book. Those who are perhaps less studied (but still in love with Warrenton) are enjoying it, too, adding it to their personal library. Residents and businesses alike will find it an alluring keepsake. Some have reported giving it to new or valued clients, new residents, and even teachers as a token of appreciation.



For more information about ordering the book, call the Partnership for Warrenton at (540) 349-8606. ■

## The Warrenton Town Cemetery... A Time Capsule of Town History

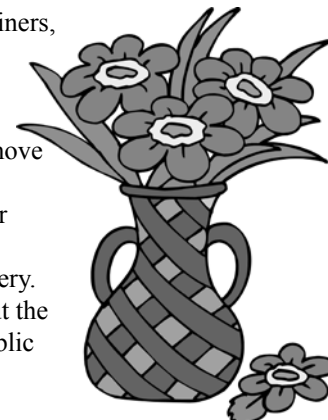
The Warrenton Town Cemetery, located at the intersection of Keith and Lee Street, is a wonderful place for a spring visit. If you've never been there, you'll find it a worthy place for a quiet walk, and a journey into Town history. For instance, there are 600 Confederate soldiers buried in a mass grave there, just a stone's throw from the grave of one of Warrenton's most notable citizens, Col. John Singleton Mosby, known as the "Gray Ghost." The cemetery is also an interesting study in the prominent family names of Warrenton. You'll see many you recognize while you enjoy the spring flowers in this peaceful setting.

To keep the Town Cemetery the lovely place that it is, Town maintenance crews will be tidying it up beginning April 1. Residents who have loved ones resting peacefully there are asked to remove all old Christmas decorations and faded flowers. Any flower arrangements or decorations that

are faded or dried up will be removed after that date. This also goes for containers and other decorative items. This is to help in the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery as spring comes in.

So... if there are any containers, vases, saddles, baskets, etc., that you wish to keep, please collect them before April 1, otherwise Town crews will remove them.

The Town appreciates your cooperation in maintaining the beauty of its historic cemetery. If you have any questions about the spring clean-up, please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



## 36 Years And Going Strong

The Warrenton Farmers' Market, which has been a staple of the community for the past 35 years, returns this spring and promises to be bigger and better than ever. The Saturday Market, held at the corner of Lee and S. Fifth Street in Old Town, begins April 16th and will run through November 19th. This market is held from 7:00 AM - 12 noon each Saturday, and offers fresh local produce, organic produce, baked goods, herbs, jams and jellies, salsas, fresh cut flowers, meat, eggs and crafts from over 30 local farmers.

The Warrenton Farmers' Market is also very excited to announce its new location for the Wednesday Market. Fauquier Hospital will serve as host for a growing and re-energized Wednesday Market. The market, slated to begin May 4th and run through October 26th, will have more vendors than ever showcasing their fresh, delicious produce, meats and baked goods up on the hill at the campus of Fauquier Hospital. The Wednesday Market, just like the Saturday Market, promises to be an experience and celebration of all the delicious food grown in and around Fauquier County. This market will operate from 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM and will consist of nearly 25 vendors. As with the Saturday Market, all products are grown, farmed and produced in Virginia, with no exceptions.

Conditions in the Northern Virginia area allow farmers to produce delicious fruits and vegetables all year



long, and the farmers would like to remind everyone that enticing products will be available throughout the season. You can get your peaches in the spring, melons over the summer and pumpkins and squash in the fall. Also, get fresh meat and delicious baked goods each and every week.

Please remember that the Farmers' Market is pet-free, but who knows... you might be able to find some homemade treats for Fido. Don't miss out on this exciting showcase of local, mouthwatering favorites, as the market gets ready for its 36th season! ■

### *36th Annual Warrenton Farmers' Market*

#### **Saturday Market**

**April 16 - November 19**

**7:00 AM - 12 noon**

Corner of Lee St. and S. Fifth St.,  
Old Town

#### **Wednesday Market**

**May 4 - October 26**

**7:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Fauquier Hospital Campus

*For more information, please contact  
the Town of Warrenton at  
(540) 347-2405.*



# News From the WARF

## Swim Season Review

The WARF is happy to have completed another very successful high school swim season. The 2010-2011 season hosted teams from Fauquier High School, Liberty High School, Wakefield School, Highland School, Culpeper High School, Eastern View High School and Wakefield Country



Day School. The WARF also hosted swim meets for Curl Burke, Occoquan Swimming and Valley Swim Team-Phoenix.

The swim season is a very busy time of year, and the WARF would like to thank the community, its members and patrons for their support. Hosting swim teams provides local high school athletes a chance to participate in competitive swimming and provides the basis for lifetime fitness. Business from swim teams is not only beneficial to the WARF, but also to its patrons and the commu-

nity. Renting the WARF for swim practices and competitions brings in revenue that helps keep membership fees low and allows for high quality classes and amenities to members at incredible savings.

Swim competitions that host teams from out of town bring in families from across the region. These visitors bring valuable business to our town's stores, restaurants and hotels.

Swimming is a relaxing, all-inclusive, lifelong activity that can make a significant contribution to health and wellness. By supplying a venue for teams to practice and compete, the WARF is helping local youth have more opportunities to develop their interest in swimming, many beyond the basic level.

## Group Fitness

Group Fitness is booming at the WARF and has never been more popular! The WARF is happy to be continually expanding its Group Fitness offerings to its members and guests. Due to incredibly high demand, the WARF has just expanded its Zumba® offerings. The WARF now offers seven Zumba® classes every week. Membership has its benefits. WARF members may pick up passes up to a half hour before class starts to guarantee their spot in the class. Entry to these classes then opens



up to the public shortly before class starts.

Another popular option at the WARF -- one that is also continually expanding -- is its variety of Group Fitness classes. Water Aerobics, Walk-It-Off and Party-in-the-Water are great options for those seeking a workout with less impact, or for those looking to switch up their workouts.

Visit the WARF to see the whole Group Fitness line-up, which features over 50 classes every week, including Yoga, Pilates, Jab Kick & Core, Cycling, Tone-N-Tighten, Sculpt, Functional Core, Yogalates, Strength & Stretch and more! Classes are unlimited for members, and available by drop-in for non-members. Come join the fun!

## Swim Lessons

Swimming is a fun and healthy activity. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn how to swim.

At the WARF, there are a variety of aquatic programs to get your family ready for summer. Group swim lessons are available for ages six months to adult in all abilities.

The WARF also offers a variety of specialty aquatics classes, including Lifeguard Certification Courses, WSI Certification Courses, CPR/AED Re-cert Courses and Summer Prep. Summer Prep is a class designed to help swimmers ages 6 - 18 with past swim team experience get ready for the upcoming summer swim team season. Participants in this class will work on stroke improvement, mechanics, turns, endurance and more.

Hurry and register. Spaces fill up fast! If you have any questions, please contact the WARF at (540) 349-2520 or e-mail [warf@warrentonva.gov](mailto:warf@warrentonva.gov).

## Child Care at the WARF

Take advantage of the WARF's Child Care room, "Warren's Place." Your children will be safe and have fun while you work out or swim. You may not leave the facility while your child is in Warren's Place, but they may stay for up to two hours per day. Pre-registration, ID verification for pick-up and fully screened volunteers are just a few of the reasons you can be sure your children are safe and secure in Warren's Place.

### Warren's Place Hours of Operation:

Monday – Saturday: 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon

Mondays: 5:30 – 7:30 PM ■

## Yikes! New Building Codes... Again?

By Robert F. Hale, Jr.  
Chief Building Official

Well, we're three months into 2011, and the Commonwealth of Virginia has finally gotten around to adopting the 2009 International Building Codes. Every couple of years the building codes change, and contractors and inspectors (like me) have to all get on the same page.

Now, maybe building codes don't mean a lot to those of you who aren't in the construction industry, but this is a very big deal if you're a builder, plumber, electrician, mechanical contractor, or are in the building inspections business. And it should be important to any homeowner who's busy with home improvement projects.

Okay, so now we have new building codes. But it's a little more complicated than that. The state, knowing that periods of transition can be difficult, allows contractors a year of "limbo" where they can use either the old (2006) or new (2009) building codes. And it can be a pain for both the contractors and inspectors like me. Believe me, there are few things more frustrating than performing all the rough-in inspections on a house only to be told that the contractor would prefer it if we'd go back through the building and see if it will pass using the old code -- which he meant to write down on the application, but forgot.

But it's all good. All the inspectors are still learning about the changes in the new code, and we get to pass this new information on to the contractors as we come across discrepancies during inspections. So we all learn together. This transition process usually takes about seven or eight months, since we don't see all the contractors working in our area all the time. By the time the one-year grace period is up, everyone's up to speed on the new requirements and we are all friends again.

### So What's the Deal With Permits?

The bottom line is that getting the correct permits is important. Code inspections protect everyone -- the builder, the homeowner and the community. Because when things are done right, there's less of a chance of fires, plumbing leaks, foundation collapses, and a score of other dangerous (and expensive) issues.

The one thing that never seems to change, no matter how many code cycles we endure, is that people fail to obtain the required permits! Imagine trying to explain to

your insurance carrier how that small fire started in your basement -- that basement you and your brother-in-law finished off last winter. Yep, that project where you didn't think you needed a permit just to frame out some walls and run some new electrical circuits in your "man cave." And now you find that your helpful brother-in-law stapled the cable feeding the plug for your new 60"

plasma TV like he was hanging barbed wire to keep a 2,500-pound Angus bull confined.

When you look at the big picture, getting the right permits gives you peace of mind. You'll feel better knowing that a fellow with extensive knowledge of the codes (i.e., your humble inspector) looked at your work before you covered it up with sheetrock.

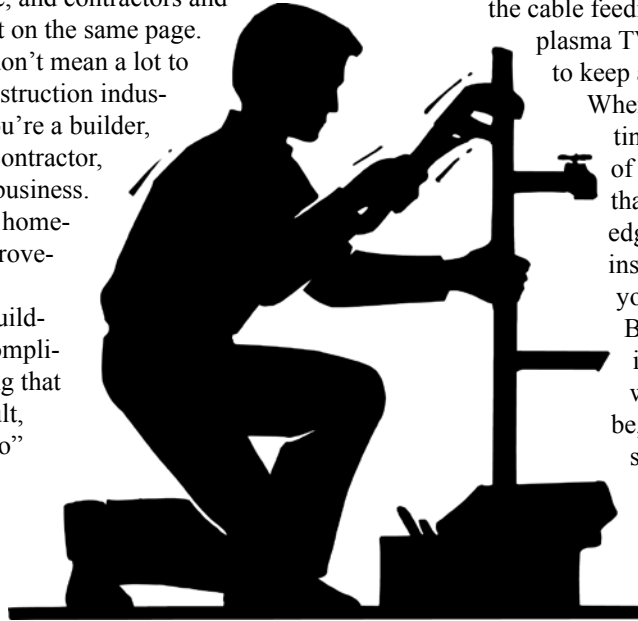
Believe me, inspectors like nothing better than to walk onto a job where everything is just as it should be, and check the "approved" box. It sure beats writing a page of notes on what's incorrect or missing.

There's nothing wrong with doing your own construction work, if you are so endowed with talent. Just get the permits. And for those of you who

don't feel comfortable doing your own work, get a good contractor. He'll get the permits. Please do check out the references of the contractor that you've selected, but don't be too discouraged by one bad reference. All contractors have had one or two projects where things didn't go as smoothly as planned. In the end, were their customers satisfied with the result? Did the project come in at the price that was agreed upon, or at least close? Did the general contractor have control over the sub-contractors?

Make sure that the contractor provides you with the proper permit "window card" to place in your front window or nail to the post at the end of the driveway. This helps the inspector identify which structure he's supposed to be inspecting, and lets your neighbors know that you did bother to obtain a permit. Above all, have the contractor provide you with copies of the inspection reports as things move along, and make sure he provides you with a copy of the approved Final Inspection(s) when he hands you the final invoice.

With spring fast approaching, many folks will be out doing projects around the house. A permit is not required for painting, re-roofing (shingles), and minor house repairs, but if you start having to tear plywood off of the roof to replace it, or are putting in a retaining wall over two feet in height, come on by and see us first. We'll try to get you out of the door quickly so you can spend the weekend making your sweetie happy. ■



## Roll Dad Out of Bed Early on Father's Day!

Enjoy a wonderful day of antique, classic and muscle cars, art and music at the 15th Annual Father's Day Car Show in Old Town Warrenton. It all takes place Sunday, June 19 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and is brought to you by the Partnership for Warrenton. Admission is free.

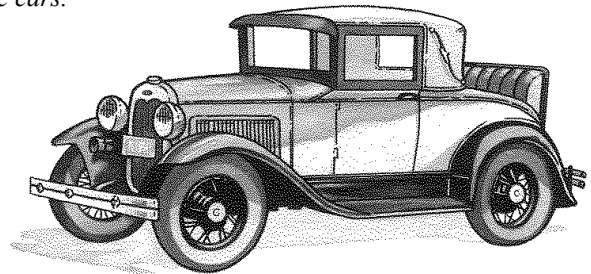
This is a great way to spend time with Dad on his special day. Stroll down historic Main Street and side streets lined with classic and antique cars, hot rods and motorcycles. The day promises to be fun for the entire family (not just "big boys"), with art on the green, children's games and activities, Sno-Cones and a craft fair inside the John Barton Payne Building. Come for the fun and excitement of the Car Show, stay for a fabulous meal at one of our Old Town restaurants. While you're here, treat yourself to a walking tour of Old Town and a visit at the Old Jail Museum.

If you'd rather be a participant than a spectator, contact the Partnership for Warrenton regarding car show registration. It's \$15 to register a car for the show in advance, or \$20 the day of the event. If you're a crafter, the registration fee for the craft fair is \$50 per space.

For more information about this event or local downtown revitalization efforts, contact Jennifer at the Partnership for Warrenton Foundation, (540) 349-8606 or Jennifer@PartnershipforWarrenton.org. ■



*Warrenton's annual car show is a street-to-street visual treat, and a great event for families. Make it into a history lesson, if you like. Teach your kids about the bygone days of classic cars.*



*You'll find classic cars, restored to accurately depict their original condition, as well as hot-rods souped up to suit each owner's individual taste. Either way, no two cars are exactly alike. Best of all, you can enjoy all these cars without having to pay for the gas!*

### Holiday Refuse Collection

#### Memorial Day – May 30

**Monday, 5/30/11** – Holiday; no refuse collection

**Tuesday, 5/31/11** – Double refuse collection  
(both Monday & Tuesday's collection)

**Wednesday, 6/1/11** – Regular recycling collection  
(cardboard, newspaper & blue bags)

**Thursday, 6/2/11** – Regular refuse collection

**Friday, 6/3/11** – Regular refuse collection

#### Independence Day – July 4

**Monday, 7/4/11** – Holiday; no refuse collection

**Tuesday, 7/5/11** – Double refuse collection  
(both Monday & Tuesday's collection)

**Wednesday, 7/6/11** – Regular recycling collection  
(cardboard, newspaper & blue bags)

**Thursday, 7/7/11** – Regular refuse collection

**Friday, 7/8/11** – Regular refuse collection

*\* During the holidays, there will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility, located at 360 Falmouth Street. ■*

## The World's Gone to Pot...holes

Hey, you'd be full of potholes too if you laid on your back through months of freezing and thawing cycles. Winter does take its toll on our roads and sidewalks. Now that spring is here, the Town's Public Works Department is working with concrete and paving contractors to schedule repair work.

Fixing those potholes is on the list, as is correcting any issues with public walkways or sidewalks that are potential trip hazards or restrict access for people with disabilities. If you know of a monster pothole that's gobbling up front-end alignments, or any other issues of public safety with the walkways and sidewalks, please let the Public Works staff know by calling (540) 347-1858.



## Spring Has Sprung, the Grass Is Riz, I Wonder When Spring Clean-Up Is



Pump up the tire on your wheelbarrow, and drag out the trashcan and clippers. Spring has come, and so has the Town's annual Spring Clean-Up Week. It's scheduled for the week of April 11 - 15th.

Town trucks will provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that can't be handled on the regular weekly schedule. Place your stuff at the street line by 8:00 AM on the day scheduled for your area, and Town crews will haul it away for you. No charge! But you have to follow the rules – refuse must be placed in proper containers, and no return trips can be made.

Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse. If a tree company or yard contractor does work for you, it's their job to haul away the trimmings.

All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately. Dirt, rocks, sod, stumps and large logs will not be picked up.

To have an appliance picked up that contains Freon (air conditioning units, humidifiers/de-humidifiers, refrigerator, freezers, etc.), you'll have to pay a \$10 fee before crews arrive, and will have to schedule pick up of these items in advance. You won't save any money by hauling these items to the landfill yourself. The fee the Town charges is what the County charges to drain the Freon (a greenhouse gas) from these items at the landfill. So, call Public Works in advance to arrange pick-up, pay your fee, and Town crews will get that item off your lawn during their Spring Clean-Up Week visit to your neighborhood. If it's a refrigerator or freezer

you put out, remember to remove the door.

The Town doesn't pick up things like television sets, computer monitors, copy and fax machines or microwave ovens. Those things must be recycled at the County Landfill, and there's a modest charge for that. Also, Town crews can't pick up paint cans with liquid paint still in them. If you have empty paint cans, or cans with dried up paint, just dispose of them in your regular garbage. Cans containing liquid must go to the landfill for recycling.

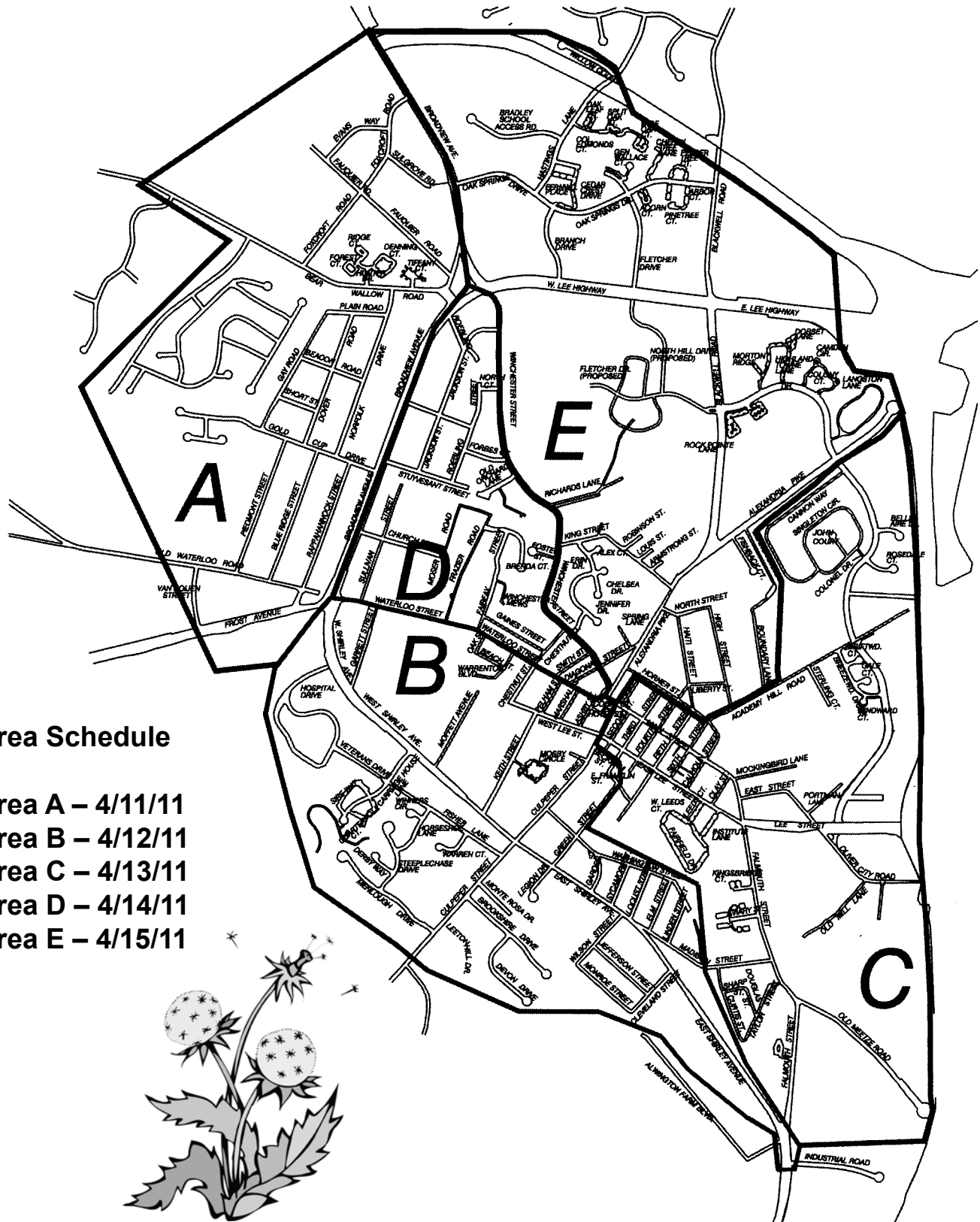
See the map on the next page to determine which day crews will come to your neighborhood. ■







# Spring Clean-Up Map



## Area Schedule

- Area A – 4/11/11
- Area B – 4/12/11
- Area C – 4/13/11
- Area D – 4/14/11
- Area E – 4/15/11



## Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

*Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

*The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.*

Finance Department.....	347-1102
Inspections .....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief .....	347-1105
Police Station .....	347-1107
Non-emergency .....	347-1100
<b>Emergency</b> .....	<b>911</b>
Planning and Zoning .....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center) .....	349-2520
Recycling .....	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager .....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills.....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
TTD/TTY .....	1-800-828-1120

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